

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims:

1. (Currently amended.) A polymer polymerized from monomers including:
 - (i) an unsaturated carboxylic acid monomer;
 - (ii) a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer different from the carboxylic acid monomer; and
 - (iii) a macromonomer comprising a hydrophobic portion and an alkoxylated portion which is polymerizable with the carboxylic acid monomer and the monoethylenically unsaturated monomer;
characterized in that the monomers further comprise from about 0.5 greater than 5 to 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the polymer, of at least one monomer having latent crosslinking functionality, said monomer being selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylaine and, vinylaceto acetate.
2. (Cancelled.)
3. (Cancelled.)
4. (Original.) The polymer of claim 1 wherein the amount of the monomer having crosslinking functionality is from about 5 to 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the polymer.
5. (Original.) The polymer of claim 1 having a number average

molecular weight of from about 5,000 to 20,000 g/gmol.

6. (Original.) The polymer of claim 1 having a number average molecular weight of from about 20,000 to 200,000 g/gmol.

7. (Original.) The polymer of claim 1 wherein the amount of the macromonomer is from about 5 to 50 wt. % based on the total weight of the polymer.

8. (Original.) The polymer of claim 1 wherein the amount of the macromonomer is from about 1 to 20 wt. % based on the total weight of the polymer.

9. (Currently amended.) A two stage latex binder polymer comprising:
(i) a first stage polymer polymerized from at least one acid or anhydride functional monomer; and

(ii) a second stage polymer polymerized from monomers which are substantially free of acid or anhydride functionality:

characterized in that: (a) the number average molecular weight of the first stage polymer is at least 50,000 g/gmol; and (b) at least one of said first polymer or said second is polymerized from a monomer having latent crosslinking functionality effective to enhance the chemical resistance properties of films formed from the latex polymer; and (c) the monomer of (b) is present in at least one of said first or second polymers in an amount of from greater than 5 to 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the polymer, said monomer being selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and, vinylacetate.

10. (Original.) The latex binder polymer of claim 9 wherein said first polymer comprises at least 2 weight percent of the acid or anhydride functional monomer based on the total weight of said first polymer.

11. (Currently amended.) The latex binder polymer of claim 9 wherein

| said first polymer comprises at from about 5 to 50 weight percent of the acid or
anhydride
functional monomer based on the total weight of said first polymer.

| 12. (Currently amended.) The latex binder polymer of claim 9 wherein
said first polymer comprises from at about 10 to 20 weight percent of the acid or
anhydride functional monomer based on the total weight of said first polymer.

| 13. (Original.) The latex binder polymer of claim 9 wherein said first
polymer is in a dissolved form.

| 14. (Original.) The latex binder polymer of claim 9 wherein said first
polymer is in a swollen or partially dissolved form.

| 15. (Cancelled.)

| 16. (Cancelled.)